

Certificate of Incorporation }  
The Unitarian Society of }  
Ridgewood, New Jersey }

To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Bergen:  
We, Elmer L. Rodrigo, Thomas F. Stoddard, Rebecca W. Hawes, Daniel W. Williamson, Clarence Stearns, William F. Catterfield and William Traver do certify that on the Seventh day of May, in the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety six, The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood New Jersey, a religious society of Christians of the denomination known as Unitarian, entitled to protection in the free use of their religion by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Jersey, assembled at their meeting house on Ridgewood Avenue, in the Village of Ridgewood, the same being their usual place of meeting for public worship, for the purpose of electing Trustees for the said Society with a view to becoming incorporated, according to law, that at least ten days notice of the time and purpose of such assembling had previously been given by advertisement set up in open view at said place of meeting, the said time and place of meeting and assembling having been agreed upon by said Society at a meeting previously held and that said Society when so assembled, did then and there, by plurality of votes of such of the members thereof as regularly contributed to the support thereof, male and female, over twenty one years of age, elect us, the aforesaid and undersigned to be Trustees of said Society and did instruct us to take upon ourselves, in behalf of said Society a name of incorporation, and to certify the same under our hands and seals, and transmit the same to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Bergen for record, to the end that we, in behalf of said Society, might be incorporated pursuant to an Act entitled "An Act to Incorporated [sic] Trustees of Religious Societies" and the supplements and amendments thereof: And we further certify that pursuant to said instructions, and the provisions of said act, we have taken upon ourselves, in behalf of said Society, the name "The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, New Jersey for a name of incorporation under said Act.

Given under our hands and seals at Ridgewood, in said County of Bergen this Twentieth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

Elmer L. Rodrigo	(ss)
Thos. F. Stoddard	(ss)
Rebecca W Hawes	(ss)
Daniel W. Williamson	(ss)
Clarence A. Stearns	(ss)
William F. Catterfield	(ss)
Wm. Traver	(ss)

State of New Jersey

County of Bergen.

Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of May, one Thousand eight hundred and ninety six, personally appeared Elmer L. Rodrigo, Thomas F. Stoddard, Rebecca W. Hawes, Daniel W. Williamson, Clarence Stearns, William F. Catterfield and William Traver, who, I am satisfied are the persons named in, and who executed [the] within instrument, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they and each of them acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed.

Cornelius Doremus  
Master in Chancery of New Jersey

Received in the office and Recorded May 23, 1896 at 9 a.m.

--John R. Ramsey, CK